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Entitled: METHOD FOR PRODUCING METAL POWDER AND METHOD FOR  
EVALUATING RAW MATERIAL OR DILUENT SALT FOR USE THEREIN  
Our Ref.: 3600-504

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.